

**Town of Acton
Open Space Committee
Date: Friday, July 14, 2017
Time: 7:30 AM
Place: Acton Town Hall - Room 9**

Committee Members present: Andy Magee, Dick Hatfield, Jeff Clymer, Matt Mostoller, Terry Maitland, Barbara Epstein

Visitors: Susan Mitchell-Hardt, Matthew Selby, Will Hill, Christian Boisvert, Emily Ying, Joe Will, Sandra Mika, Michaela Moran, Gene Beresin

Jeff Clymer is leaving the Committee and the Planning Board by the end of the month, since he is relocating to another town. This is his last meeting, and Emily Ying is replacing him on the Planning Board and will be Planning's liaison to the OSC. Will Hill is becoming a full member of the Committee and Dave Marshall will be an associate member.

Item 1: An Executive Session was needed for the purpose of considering the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real property.

Terry made the motion to go into executive session, inviting Susan, Selby, Will, Christian, Emily, Michaela and Gene. Jeff seconded the motion, and it was passed unanimously.

The regular session was resumed at 8:15 AM.

Item 2: Minutes of June 9, 2017 were presented for approval.

Terry moved to accept the minutes, Jeff seconded the motion and the Minutes of June 9, 2017 were approved unanimously.

Item 3: Update - 19 Spring Hill Road

Jeff reported that the Planning Board had deferred the issue to the next meeting, July 18. Susan noted that about 20 people had attended the meeting. She is asking that more interested parties attend the July 18 rescheduled meeting. She reiterated the public safety consideration associated with this plan. A full presentation is being prepared for the meeting.

Item 4: Update - 53 River Street

Selby reported that a committee has been charged. The charge has been forwarded to a wide range of possible participants with specific skills and talents pertinent to the future development of this parcel. So reaching out to neighbors and interested folks includes a request for them to list skill sets with their responses. No apps have been received as yet.

He also described the recent circumstance of DPW asking if the site could be used as staging area. Selby agreed only to have neighbors complain that this wasn't in keeping with its intended use. He managed to calm them down, assuring them it was for a very short time as nearby repairs were underway and the work was completed and the material removed.

The Volunteer Coordinating Committee has not publicized the committee request as yet.

Item 5: Update - Quarry Road

Tom was not present. He and Selby had met months ago with the owner of the property. She shared her plans with them but they had to be amended and there has been no further update.

Item 6: Update – 161 Newtown Road:

Susan shared a conversation she had had with John Hryniewich. He mentioned that he would consider accepting \$400K per lot if the town made the offer. The appraisals had come in at \$325K. With the house, the value is over \$1M. The owners did not respond to a tentative suggestion that the Town purchase the entire property.

Andy will talk with Tom about meeting with Selby. Susan will discuss their options. Terry suggested they explore the purchase of only the most important lot. All lots have some pond frontage and it's important to preserve some portion of the parcel.

Susan gave a brief update on the Arlington St. property. She had spoken with some of landowners. They are still working on some arrangement to protect

the property. They were somewhat discouraged by push back from BoS. They need encouragement.

Item 7: Piper Lane, Exec session: pursuing with plan discussed.

Item 8: Stonefield Farm: Exec session: proceeding w/ potential purchase of CR.

Next Meeting – August 11, 2017, 7:30 AM

***NOT August 4th ***

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Adjourned: 8:30